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### **Idaho Honey Production Decreased 44 Percent**

Idaho honey production in 2010 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 2.65 million pounds, a 44 percent decrease from 2009, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Honey producing colonies are estimated at 98,000 colonies, down 5,000 colonies from last year. Yield per colony averaged 27 pounds, down 19 pounds from 2009. Producer honey stocks were 1.19 million pounds on December 15, 2010, a decrease of 30 percent from the previous year. The average honey price per pound was 150.0 cents, down two cents from a year ago.

Nationally, honey production in 2010 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 176 million pounds, up 20 percent from 2009. There were 2.68 million colonies producing honey in 2010, up 7 percent from 2009. Yield per colony averaged 65.5 pounds, up 12 percent from the 58.6 pounds in 2009. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State where the honey was produced. Therefore, at the United States level yield per colony may be understated, but total production would not be impacted. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 45.3 million pounds on December 15, 2010, up 21 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude those held under the commodity loan program.

Honey prices increased to a record high during 2010 to 160.3 cents, up 9 percent from 147.3 cents in 2009. U.S. and State level prices reflect the portions of honey sold through cooperatives, private channels, and retail. Prices for each color class are derived by weighting the quantities sold for each marketing channel. Prices for the 2009 crop reflect honey sold in 2009 and 2010. Some 2009 crop honey was sold in 2010, which caused some revisions to the 2009 crop prices.

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